business hours. Permits for day hiking are not Armstrong Redwoods ranger station during permit is required and can be obtained at the come, first-served. A backcountry camping mended. The trail camps are available firstbefore drinking. Use of a microfilter is recomstream is nearby, but the water must be purified Pit toilets are located nearby. A year-round grounds. Each campsite has a table and fire ring. King, Gilliam Creek and Mannings Flat Camp-Backcountry trail camps are located at the Tom other towed vehicles are also prohibited. allowed on this road. Vehicles with trailers or vehicles more than 20 feet in length are not half mile mountain road. For safety reasons, by way of a steep, narrow, winding, two and oneavailable. Vehicle access to the campground is provided, but no sinks or showers are currently rings, flush toilets and drinkable water are are available throughout the year. Tables, fire Bullfrog Pond. First-come, first-served campsites Twenty-three family campsites are located near

Samping

was inspired by the peace and natural beauty of haus school of design, Wildenhain enjoyed and Formerly a student at Germany's famous Bau-Wildenhain, who settled here after World War II. tionally renowned ceramic artist, Marguerite the home, workshop, and school of the interna-Austin Creek's historic Pond Farm Pottery was spawning habitat. fishing in order to protect vitally important fish the pond, but all park streams are closed to are found in the streams. Licensed anglers may bullfrogs. Trout, salmon, and California newts

in Bullfrog Pond include sunfish, black bass, and

flycatchers are frequently seen. Aquatic animals

quail, various woodpeckers, ravens, hawks, and

Ground fires are prohibited during periods of extreme fire danger. However, camp stoves can still be used for cooking in all but the most critical periods of fire danger, when camping is not permitted at all. Summertime temperatures often exceed 100 degrees F. Winter temperatures occasionally drop below freezing, and the 50 inches of annual rain generally includes an occasional snow flurry.

Equestrian Recreation

All of Austin Creek's trails are open to horses, although horse trailers are not permitted beyond the picnic area. Check at the visitor center or ranger station for up-to-date information about trail conditions. A horse riding and pack station concession providing guided day and overnight trips is located 1/2-mile west of the Armstrong Tree in Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve.

Bicycle Recreation

Bicycles are permitted only on the paved and service roads, not on trails. Conditions for bicyclists in the two parks vary significantly. Within Armstrong Redwoods, bicycle riders share the flat paved road with both pedestrians and vehicles. The terrain of Austin Creek State Recreation Area requires biking experience, as the paved and service roads include 1,000-foot elevation gains. The paved road to Bullfrog Pond from the picnic area is two and one-half miles long. Approximately six miles of service roads access the backcountry campsites. Once you have descended into the East Austin Creek valley, the terrain becomes relatively flat.

ted owl. Great blue herons, white-tailed kites, the rare spot-

the colorful

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keys and feral



native animals some of the bears, and an occasional mountain lion are raccoons, foxes, coyotes, skunks, bobcats, black native animals and birds. Squirrels, deer, Recreation Area are home to a wide range of land and riparian habitats of Austin Creek State The grasslands, chaparral, conifer, oak wood-

Native Animals

and shooting stars. cups, lupines, brodiaeas, California poppies wildflower displays include Douglas iris, buttergrove in Armstrong Redwoods. Springtime a striking contrast to the cool, dark redwood The park's open forests and rolling hills offer almost 1,900 feet on Marble Mine Ridge. park range from 150 feet above sea level to and bustle of civilization. Elevations within the phy gives a sense of isolation from the hustle urban development, the park's rugged topogra-State Recreation Area's 5,683 acres are close to this wild and scenic area. Though Austin Creek invite energetic visitors to explore and enjoy Twenty miles of hiking and equestrian trails

State Recreation Area Austin Creek

Please Remember

All plants and animals are protected. Please do not disturb the natural features you find in the park. If you see a rattlesnake near a campground, please report it to a park ranger.

Stay on designated trails. Soil erosion and damage to the root systems of the redwoods are the result of off-trail walking and riding.

Vehicles are permitted only on paved roads. The maximum speed limit is 15 miles per hour. All park roads are narrow, so be prepared for oncoming traffic. Vehicles traveling downhill must yield to uphill traffic on the mountain roads of Austin Creek.

Dogs must be kept on a leash during the day and in a vehicle or tent at night. They are not permitted on the trails or in the back country camps.

Hunting and the possession of weapons are prohibited anywhere in the park.

Dead and down wood must be left undisturbed to replenish the soil and provide food and shelter for other plants and animals. Fire-

Fishing is not permitted in any of the streams.

wood can be purchased at the park entrance from a seasonal camphost or the park ranger. **Open fires** must be confined to the stoves

provided. Check with the visitor center or ranger station on fire restrictions.

Campground quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Amplified music that can be heard outside your immediate area is prohibited at all times.

be scheduled during your visit. tion about any interpretive programs that may office. Check with park staff for current informasite that can be reserved through the park the picnic area, which includes a group picnic Tables and barbecue facilities are available in

beauty of the surrounding grove. with a majestic place to sit and ponder the various artistic events, it now provides visitors interest. Once used for the presentation of The Redwood Forest Theater is of historic by all park visitors.

are visually impaired, though it can be enjoyed Discovery Trail, was designed for people who Another interpretive feature in the grove, the center or ranger station.

the nature trail are available at the visitor easy walk through the grove. Printed guides for The self-guided Armstrong Nature Trail is an

ning their tour of the grove. center's natural history exhibits before begininformation and publications, and view the trailside displays. Visitors can obtain park edgeable docents, self-guided trails, and park entrance that is staffed daily by knowlredwood grove include a visitor center at the visitors enjoy and learn about this ancient Interpretive facilities designed to help park

Park Interpretive Services

on alluvial flats like the one beside Fife Creek. redwoods reach their maximum size and height winter rain and frequent summer fog. Coast where moderate climate combines with heavy belt from southern Oregon to central California They grow naturally only along a narrow coastal things (some survive for as long as 2,000 years). redwood is also one of the world's oldest living tallest redwood is 368 feet high. The coast

is the world's tallest living thing. In fact, the The coast redwood (Sequoia sempervirens)

World's Tallest Living Thing

and colors. and liverworts exhibit their fantastic shapes chids. In winter, mushrooms, mosses, lichens, sorrel, trillium, fairy bells, and redwood orfloor is carpeted with clover-like redwood and big-leaf maple. In springtime, the forest including tanoak, Douglas fir, California laurel, there are a number of other tree species, Along with the coast redwoods in this grove,

Native Trees

operations began during the 19th century. that covered much of this area before logging of the magnificent primeval redwood forests forest in Sonoma County. It is a living reminder largest remaining ancient-growth redwood the forests he harvested. Today this is the who recognized the beauty and natural value of James B. Armstrong, an early-day lumberman natural park and botanic gardens by Colonel During the 1870s, this area was set aside as a

History

is more than 1,400 years old. feet high; the 308-foot Colonel Armstrong Tree California. The Parson Jones Tree is about 310 and oldest trees remaining in this part of redwood forest, you will see some of the tallest As you stroll through this beautiful old-growth self-guided nature trails, and picnic facilities. tures a magnificent grove of ancient redwoods, north of San Francisco, this 805-acre park fea-Located in the Russian River region 75 miles

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